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# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of
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| Group Art Unit: 1775
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Box Non-Fee Amendment Assistant Commissioner for Patents U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Washington, DC 20231

#### Dear Sir:

- 1. Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application is an Amendment and a Return Receipt Postcard.
- 2. Claim Fee Calculation

No additional claim fee is required.

X Amendment increases number of claims or multiple dependencies

### ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE CALCULATION

Description	Claims Previously		Extra	Rate	Fee
Independent	Paid For 6	Amended 6	0	\$40=	\$O
Claims		,-			
Total Claims	33	33	0	\$ 9=	<b>\$</b> 0

Additional Claim Fees \$0

4.	Payme	nt of Fees
		Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$
	<u>X</u>	The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fees including any additional fees and to credit any overpayment of fees which may be required with this communication under 37 CFR §1.16 or §1.17, to Deposit Account No. 13-0201, referencing Docket No. 9620-1000.

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